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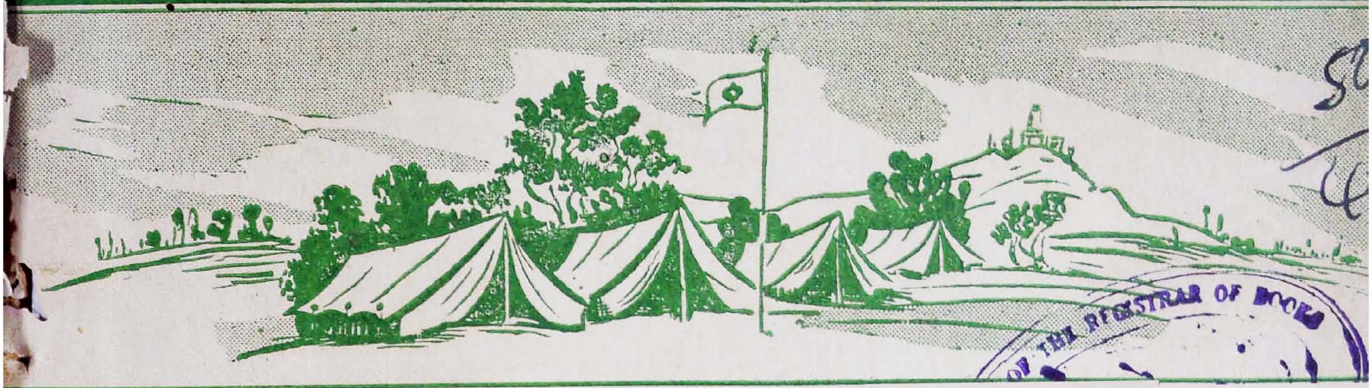
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National Commissioner at Coimbatore on 28—7—55

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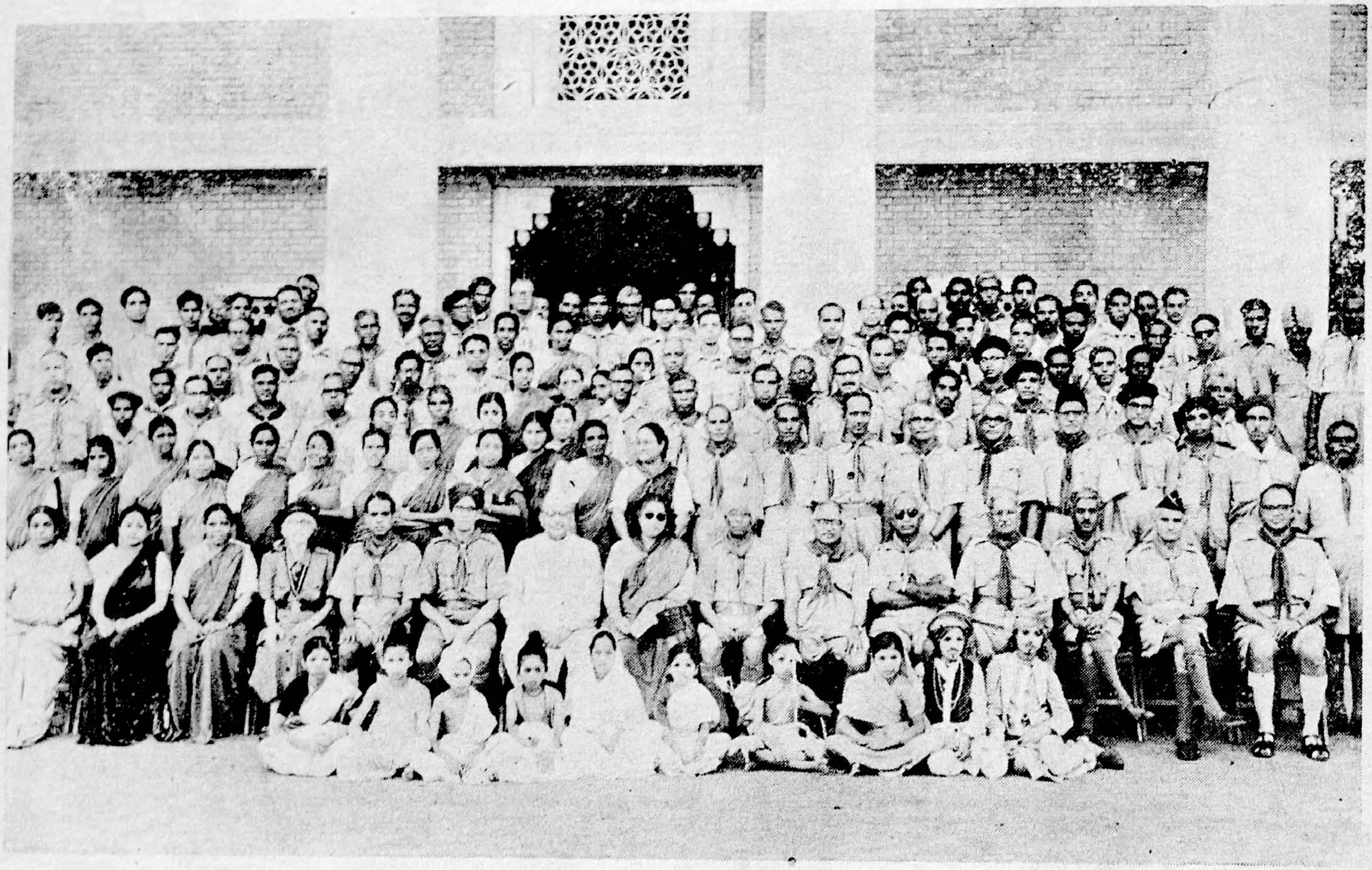

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PREPARATION FOR LEADERSHIP

SHRI SRI PRAKASA ON THE ROLE OF SCOUT TRAINING

Presiding over the fourth annual meeting of the Bharat Scouts and Guides on 28th Aug. '55. Sri Prakasa, Governor of Madras, paid a tribute to the good work the organisation had done and expressed the hope that more and more men and women would be attracted to the Scout movement.

There was a large attendance at the meeting of Scouts and Guides and others connected with the movement from all over the State. The meeting was held at University Examination Hall, Marina.

After prayer, Mr. K. Venkataswami Naidu, State Chief Commissioner, extended a welcome to the Governor and referred to the part that the movement was playing in this State. He said that during the next five years of the Plan period they wanted to play their part and appealed to the Government to give them necessary help. They were in need among other things, of camp sites to hold their camps. It was necessary to devote one hour in a week in the school curriculum for Scout work and the movement must be assigned a proper place among the various youth organisations.

Mr. V. S. Ratnasabhapathi, State Secretary, then presented the report for the year 1954-55. The Bharat Scouts and Guides had been, during the year, able to extend their activities not only along lines which normally came under scouting and guiding programmes but also in community service, specially rural service. During the year, 27 training camps were held and they were attended by about 770 campers. The report requested the Government to increase the grant from Rs. 20,000 to Rs. 50,000.

Referring to youth welfare under the Five-Year Plan, the report said that the Bharat Scouts and Guides, which had a strength of six lakhs in the country, had a vital role to play in serving the younger generation and in organising them for the active

service of the country. For this purpose the National as well as the State headquarters had to be strengthened and adequately equipped for creating and training a larger number of scouters and guides.

Mrs. Mary Clubwala Jadhav, State Commissioner, Guides, speaking next thanked the Governor for the interest he was evincing in the movement and expressed the hope that next year there would be more youth camps.

There was then a Scout and Guide demonstration.

Addressing the Scouts, Shri Sri Prakasa paid a tribute to those who had brought the great movement into the world and particularly in this country. "Boys and girls of all nations cannot be sufficiently grateful to Lord Baden Powell, who introduced this very ideal of Scout and Guide" he added.

Shri Sri Prakasa then referred in detail to the virtues of the Scout movement such as the training it afforded to be good citizens, promotion of good manners and courteous conduct, and emphasis on the value of manual work. Speaking of leadership, he said that it was up to them to see that the youth were properly trained so that they should be able to take up leadership in every department of human endeavour. Leadership meant capacity to face a situation and to do what was needed. In a democracy, he felt that every generation would produce sufficient number of men and women who would be able to take up leadership.

Shri Sri Prakasa expressed his pleasure that about 40,000 Scouts and nearly 10,000 Guides had joined the movement and said that the Scouts and Guides should play their proper part in the country's life. Referring to the request for camp sites, he expressed the hope that this would succeed before long. He also expressed the hope that the Government would concede the demand that a teacher might be allowed to allot one hour per week for Scout work.

Mr. N. D. Sundaravadivelu, D.P.I., State Commissioner (Scouts), who proposed a vote of thanks announced the donation of Rs. 250 from the Governor.

CHINGLEPUT DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

At a public meeting held on 28-8-55 the District Association was revived with the following Office-bearers.

President : Sri R. Govindarajulu Naidu (President, District Board)
Vice-President : Mrs. I. L. Chambers
Hony. Secretary : Sri C. G. Jayaraman
Hony. Treasurer : Sri J. E. Paul
Chairman of the Executive Committee : Sri M. Srinivasa Aiyengar

Sri M. Ram Mohan, Assistant State Organising Commissioner spoke about the functions of a District Association. Sri R. Messiah Doss, District Commissioner welcomed the gathering. Sri D. Devakadaksham, Assistant District Commissioner proposed a vote of thanks.

CAMP INAUGURATED

Madras. Aug, 28.

The South Madras Bharat Scouts and Guides annual central camp was inaugurated on Saturday morning, by Mr. N. D. Sundaravadivelu, Director of Public Instruction and State Commissioner for Bharat Scouts and Guides, at the Arundale Camping Centre, Perungudi near Adyar.

In this camp, this year more than 300 scouts and cubs drawn from 21 units of the district are participating and it is expected to last for three days.

Mr. Sundaravadivelu, after congratulating the organisers, the scouts and the cubs on their good work, pointed out how the scout movement helped to build the character of youth and expressed the hope that more and more youngsters would join it and derive the benefit of camp life and other aspects of training.

Earlier Mr. H. Ramanathan, District Scout Commissioner, South Madras Bharat Scouts and Guides welcomed the State Commissioner and gave a brief account of the activities of the Camp.

Messages wishing the camp success from the Governor and the Chief Minister and others were received.

The Chief Minister, Mr. Kamaraj Nadar, in his message, said : "I am glad to learn that the Scouts and Cubs of the South Madras Bharat Scouts and Guides will be meeting at a central camp at the Arundale Camping Centre, Perungudi. I am sure the camp will afford ample opportunities to all to mingle and move together freely without any distinction."

Mr. Sri Prakasa, Governor, in his message, said : "The Scout movement is a great movement for good and the scout himself represents the finest type of youth. It is always a pleasure and inspiration to meet him and I am eagerly looking forward to visiting the camp."

CAMP FIRE NEAR ADYAR

Madras. Aug. 28.

Mr. Sri Prakasa, Governor of Madras, lit the camp fire at the South Madras Bharat Scouts and Guides annual camp at the Arundale Camping Centre Perungudi, near Adyar last night. Mr C. R. Pattabhiraman welcomed the Governor Mr. Sri Prakasa congratulated the organisers of the camp and the scouts on their excellent turn-out and stressed the importance of scouting, which helped to build up the character of our youths.

SCOUT CONFERENCE TO MEET IN INDIA

NIAGARA FALLS (Ontario)

The International Committee of the Boy Scout Movement has provisionally organised a regional Conference of the movement in the Far East to meet in India in 1956.

Three other regional Conferences were also provisionally organised for 1956 by the Committee at its meeting here. The Americans will meet in Haiti, the Middle East in Greece, and Europe in Germany.

Col. J. S. Wilson of Britain was re-elected Honorary President and Lady Baden-Powell, Honorary Vice-President of the International Committee of the Boy Scout Movement.

The Conference agreed that in 1957 Scouts throughout the world would undertake an international "good turn" programme aimed at the conservation of water, soil, forest and wild life.

It also agreed that in 1957 three world meetings, would be held in Britain—the ninth World Jamboree in Sutton Park, near Birmingham with an expected attendance of 25,000, World Rover Meet, estimated at 5,000 and a World Indaba, a gathering of 5,000 Scout leaders—Reuter. 'HINDU'

Commissioners' Conference

A Commissioners Conference was held on Saturday the 13th August 1955, at St. Christopher's Training College, Madras. The session commenced at 10 a. m. and concluded at 5 p. m.

The Conference was conducted by Miss G. R. Samuel, Headquarters Commissioner for Training. Mrs. M. Clubwala Jadhav, State Commissioner-Guides also attended the Conference. The total number of 15 Comprised of all the Headquarters Commissioners, District Commissioners and Assistant District Commissioners of East, West, North, South, Corporation and Central Districts of Madras city.

After the usual introduction was over, Miss Samuel discussed in detail "The function of a District Commissioner". Ten important points to be remembered referring to this subject was given out in writing to each Commissioner for their future guidance.

The Commissioners then witnessed an enrollment ceremony of 6 Guides (aspirants) which was arranged on the spacious lawn of the College. This was very interesting as the Commissioners had the chance of not only attending a solemn ceremony but also observing the correct method of conducting enrollment ceremony.

The next item on the programme was "What a Commissioner should do when visiting Flocks and Companies". This was very enlightening specially for the new District Commissioners and Assistant District Commissioners. A practical test on "KNOTS" was laid down for the Commissioners and Mrs. Jadhav and Miss Samuel were the judges.

Soon after the meeting adjourned for Lunch. A delicious lunch was served in the huge dining room of the College Hostel. Miss Samuel, who is the Principal of the College was an excellent Hostess.

An item under the heading of 'Rest' was laid down on the programme—but as every one was in the the mood of Guiding, and feeling very active, the rest was brief as brief could be and once again all assembled out on the lawns to practise "Flag Hoisting' A special stress was laid on the correct method of Flag Hoisting and Unfurling.

Miss Samuel than discussed about some of the special events, such as holding Bulbul Revels, Rallies, Second class competitions, etc., that take place in the Districts and the responsibilities of the Commissioners in connection with them.

Detailed notes were given on the important subject of "Training for Guiders." This was followed by a sumptuous tea and the whole day conference ended with TAPS.

All those participated in the conference were greatly benefitted as not only did they refresh their knowledge but also learned a great deal more. It also was a good opportunity for exchange of ideas which is so essential.

All were thankful to Miss Samuel for her hospitality as well as the Training she gave them.

It is proposed that we may have such Conferences more often in the future and more on State level.

NIBHA WALAWAKAR
Headqrs. Commissioner-Guides, Madras

STATE ORGANISING COMMISSIONER'S VISIT TO NATTARASANKOTTAI

On 19th August 1955 State Organising Commissioner Sri M. Rajagopalan visited the Bharata Bharathi Scout Group, Nattarasankottai with Sri K. S. Sampath. In a meeting held under the presidentship of Sri Kathi Arunachalam, Assistant District Commissioner, our State Organising Commissioner explained in detail about Rovering and a Group Committee was formed to look after the welfare of the Group. Sri V. K. N. Kannappa Chettiar and Sri S. P. RML Subramanian Chettiar were elected as President and Vice-President of the Group Committee respectively.

The Central Madras Bharat Scouts and Guides

SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATION

THE Central Madras Bharat Scouts and Guides celebrated their Silver Jubilee on Saturday, 20th August 1955 at the Wesley High School grounds, Royapettah, Dr P. V. Cherian, Chairman of the Madras Legislative Council, presiding.

At the outset there was a March-Past of Scouts and Guides at which Dr. Cherian took the salute, band being in attendance. There was a Rally of all sections later. Dr. Cherian, accompanied by Mr. K. M. Cherian, President of the Association, Mr. M. Nooruddin, Acting District Commissioner (Scouts) and Mr. K. M. Koshy, Hony. Secretary went round and inspected all units--Bulbuls, Cubs, Guides, Scouts, Rovers and Sea Scouts numbering more than 900.

Mr K. M. Cherian, President of the Association, welcomed Dr and Mrs. P. V. Cherian Mr. M. Nooruddin, Ag. District Commissioner, read messages received from His Excellency the Governor of Madras, Sri K. Venkataswami Naidu (State Chief Commissioner), Sri N. D. Sundaravadivelu (State Commissioner), Sri V S. Ratnasabapathy (State Secretary), Sri J I. Muthiah and Sri M. Rajagopalan (State Organising Commissioners), Sri T. R. Kothandaram Mudaliar (State Asstt. Commissioner), Sri T. P. Santhanakrishna Naidu (Retired Principal, Teachers' College, Saidapet), Rev. T. R. Foulger (Principal, Meston Training College) and others wishing the Silver Jubilee Celebrations success.

Mr. K. M Koshy, Hony. Secretary read the report which inter-alia stated that the Association was started in 1929 on the initiative of the late Mr A. J. Leech who was its first District Commissioner. High tributes were paid to Lt. Col. A. W. Hutton, Lt. Col. M. Abdul Hameed, T. Sundara Rao Naidu, all of revered memory, who followed Mr. A. J. Leech as District Commissioners and to Sri T. P. Santhanakrishna Naidu, retired Principal of Teachers' College, Saidapet, who was an able and efficient lieutenant of Mr. A. W. Hutton and who still continues to take interest in the affairs of the Association. The report also stated that the Association has at present 26 groups (8 in Guide Section and 18 in Scout Section) consisting of 6 Flocks, 6 Companies, 8 Packs, 14 Troops, 3 Crews and one Sea-Scout Troop.

Then followed demonstrations by Scouts and Guides The II Royapettah Madrasa Scouts gave a Pioneering demonstration of 'Light-Pole Bridge'; I Egmore (Madras Christian College School) Scouts gave Mass-signalling and the II Egmore High School Scouts gave First Aid. "Tree of Guiding" and "Chain of Friendship" were items given by I Royapettah and I Chintadripet Guides respectively. I Gopalapuram Lotus Guides gave a Folk Dance.

Mrs. Tara Cherian distributed Trophies to the winners at the Annual Competitions.

Dr. Cherian congratulated the Association for the excellent work done during the past 25 years and was glad to note that it was nurtured by able and efficient veterans in Scouting He paid a glowing tribute to Lord Baden Powell, Founder of the Movement. He dealt upon Scout and Guide Motto, Promise and Laws at great length and expressed his personal appreciation in as much as these developed character in boys and girls and ultimately made them loyal citizens of Bharat.

With a vote of thanks proposed by Mr. K. M. Koshy and the singing of National Anthem, the meeting came to a close.

Earlier, at about 3 P. M. light refreshments were served to all Scouts and Guides by Sri N. Narayanaswamy Iyer, Proprietor, Swamy's Cafe and a Vice-President of the Association.

A day earlier i.e. on Friday, 19th August 1955 there was a Cycle route march by Cyclist Scouts and Rovers under Mr. M.H.A. Kirmani, D R. S. L. The same night there was a Silver Jubilee Dinner at 'Woodlands', Royapettah for all Scouters, Guiders and members of the Association, Mr. K. M. Cherian, President of the Association, standing host.

Our Annual Council Meetings

OUR Annual Council meetings held last month at Madras were well attended by mofussil delegates and proved very useful in every way. Such gatherings of workers have their own part to play in the progress of our movement. An opportunity given to workers not only every year, but as often as possible will bear beneficial results was made evident at these gatherings, More than 150 delegates. who can be classified under Commissioners, Secretaries, and Workers of both the sections representing all the Districts in the State without exception, showed a keen interest in our work and their eagerness to exchange views, learn from each other and draw inspiration from the gathering for future work.

The Conference that preceded the Council discussed several important points, most important being Rural Camps. Scout-Guide co-operation and all State events, such as a Scouters and Guiders Conference, a drive for efficiency in First Class Tests etc., It was very rightly pointed out that our experience in running these Rural Service Camps for 3000 boys has convinced us and given us courage to take up more such camps and this time Camps in every District.

We hope to put 10,000 Scouts and Guides and even more in the coming summer. A suggestion was made that all Campers should be Swimmers and some of them told that we should have only Scouts and others that we should have both Scouts and non-Scouts in the camp, at any rate, if a mixed camp, should be necessarily taken up, a good proportion of the strength should be from the Scouts and a small proportion should be from non-Scouts. As regards vegetarian food, it was pointed out that it is necessary to have one common food for all and vegetarian fits in better than non-vegetarian ; that was the practice all along and better let this be continued. Tools must be supplied and got ready before hand and some arrangements should be made regarding this ; at every stage economy must be effected and, one is detailed to look to accounts. Duration of the Camp may be shortened, but this depends upon the Central Government, while this is not altered. 21 days have to be stuck to. Better no contractors engaged let the camp be a managable camp with 100 minimum and let not people attempt too much and find themselves in difficulties, were some of the suggestions made relating to the Camps.

A Camp for leaders to be held at which instruction be given regarding the conduct of the Camp etc. This of course will be taken by the State Headquarters in order to ensure successful camps being run under proper leaderseip.

Regarding Scout-Guide co-operation, certain administrative difficulties were mentioned. Given proper understanding, a desire to work according to the rules and regulations of the movement as given in the A. P. R. O. there should be no difficulty in running the movement for both the sections under one administration and one Flag. This of course will be adhered to in the coming year and we hope a harmonious and efficient organisation will result. With a spirit of give and take, it ought not be difficult to establish harmony.

All State events are essential, the Tanjore Association invited a State Conference of Scouters and Guiders at a Sea-side resort near Nagapattinam to be held sometime in December. This was welcomed by every one present. Mahamakham Service is another State-wide service to be undertaken in February at Kumbakonam for a week. All Districts are invited to send Scouts and requested to apply immediately to Mr. K. S. Seshadry, Assistant State Commissioner and Director of the Service at Kumbakonam.

The Annual State Council Public meeting was presided over by the Governor of Madras Shri Sri Prakasa at the Examination Hall, due to inclement weather. The hall was packed to the full with the Scouts, Scout and Guide Leaders and the Public and we had a very successful meeting. The Governor's speech is published elsewhere. Himself an enthusiastic supporter and Patron of Scouting and Guiding, towards the end of his speech, he kindly announced a donation to the Movement.

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Shorts from the Annual Report for the Year 54-55

Rural Service Camps. 300 Scouts and Students camped at Tirukalikundram Sadras highway. Another Project of renovating a Tank at Senji by 300 Scouts and Guides in the Trivellore' Taluk, 3 miles from Kadambathur. Sri M. A. Manickavelu, Sri M. Bhaktavatsalam, and Sri C. Subramaniam Ministers of Government, visited the Camps and paid tributes to the work of the Scouts and Guides.

Scout Carnival. A successful Carnival was held at Coimbatore for three days when a great deal of publicity was given to the Movement and its useful activities.

Training Camps. 27 Training Courses (Preliminary) for Scoutmasters, Cubmasters, Flock Leaders and Guide Captains were held in the various Districts, at which 776 Officers were trained.

A Commissioners' Training Course at the Stanley Park Training Centre, Coonoor, a Himalaya Wood Badge Course for Scouts, at the Stanley Park, an advanced Training Course for Flock Leaders at the Besant Scout Camping Centre Adyar and a Training Camp for Scout Commissioners' specially for Block Development Officers at the Besant Scout Camping Centre, Adyar as well as a Himalaya Wood Badge Course for Cubs in Tamil at the Besant Scout Camping Centre, Adyar were held,

Two Youth Welfare Seminars, one on Youth Welfare and the other on Recreation were held at the State Headquarters for Scouters and Guiders and Youth Leaders.

Children's Play Ground. The Raja of Ramnad, Minister. Public Works declared open the playground for the children at the State Headquarters donated by the Central Social Welfare Board.

The Scout Week was inaugurated by Sri N. D. Sundaravadivelu, Director of Public Instruction and State Commissioner, Scouts, the Rajah of Kollengode presided.

Madras Youth Rally in honour of the Prime Minister's visit, another at the State Headquarters in honour of Mrs. H. C. Captain's visit were held.

Sri V. K. Krishna Menon was an interested visitor to our Headquarters.

"East and West Day" an unique endeavour by the Guide section was responsible in introduciug a large number of lady workers of Madras City in Guiding.

Our strength is 50,000 Scouts and Guides. There is a slight increase in the Guide section.

The Madras Centre, Mathurai Centre and Coimbatore Centre have functioned well and are responsible for increasing efficiency amongst Scouts and Guides, thanks to the rank and file of our workers.

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In the morning on 28th August, the Council held its business session and passed the accounts, the Budget and the report of the State Secretary. The delegates were housed in tents put up at the State Headquarters grounds where arrangements were also made for lunch and Tea etc. Our President, our State Chief Commissioner, and State Commissioner, Scouts and the State Commissioner Guides were the hosts and hostess. A family gathering both in spirit and in action which reviewed the work of the past year and planned for the future in an atmosphere of brotherly and sisterly feelings is what every one felt and said. We have covered one more mile-stone on our journey and we go forward with greater confidence into the future.

Youth Welfare Camp for Girls at Mahabalipuram

CITIES were built in our Motherland sometime to celebrate a victory, sometime to mark the birthplace of a saint and sometime around a shrine or a temple. Mamallapuram was built to celebrate the victory of Narasinhavarman Pallava Malla over Pulakesan II the western chalukya King The Pallavas were original in their art and architecture When they built temples, they carved out temples of huge rocks and one sees the masterpiece of the Pallava workmanship in the Five Rathas and the Seven Pagodas of which some have been swallowed by the greedy sea—the sea that had eaten up the great continent of Lemuria. To live and to move with the Pallavas who in their days had their own community projects and co-operative schemes, the girls drawn from the various colleges in Madras camped for 21 days (April 19th to May 9th 1955) at the homely Zamindar's Bungalow on the sandy sheets of Mamallapuram.

At the request of the Madras Government the Guild of Service came forward to run the above camp under the efficient leadership of Mrs. R. Morris and Mrs R Ginwala as the joint Organising Secretary. It is needless to point out that it was the great effort of our State Commissioner, Mrs. M C. Jadhav, the Secretary of the Guild of Service, that paved the way for the success of the Youth Welfare Camp

This camp was inaugurated on the 20th by Mr. Lobo Prabhu the Collector of Chingleput District whose zealous plans for the advancement of rural welfare are known to everyone It was indeed an auspicious day as the heavens showered their blessings for long hours and the villagers themselves felt happy about the good omen.

One of our experienced Guide Commissioners, Miss S Bakkiamuthu volunteered to be the Officer in Charge of the Camp throughout the 21 days.

A very interesting programme was drawn for the camp activities. College students who look forward to the long summer holidays for rest and leisure, cheerfully took part in each and every item of the programme There they were ready with the tools to start plastering whitewashing and thatching from 7-30 to 10-30 a m Early in the morning they finished their duties of cleaning the camp-site, etc. Then, again in the afternoon they were off to the villages with some new plans for work in the villages around Inspite of the major hours spent in the villge work the campers were given the opportunity to take advantage of lectures on First Aid and Home Nursing, Nutrition and a little of Girl Guide activities. Dr Nair from Stanley Hospital paid visits to train the girls on First Aid and Home Nursing. Miss Pearson who is the head of the Nutrition department in Women's Christian College had kindly arranged for a course of very interesting lectures by Mrs. Philips As we all know, Mrs. Phillips is very practical in her talks and she made the girls to plan a full day Food Festival for the villagers at the village Mandapam. Artistic designs of carpets and Kolam with vegetables and cereals were a great attraction The mirthful gramaphone record's played at the occasion was thoroughly enjoyed by the young and old members of the village At the end of the day wheat was distributed to villagers and villagers were very happy to hear that Cholam, green chillies and all green vegetables like drumstick contain high food value. So the day ended with the enthusiastic slogan "Keeraki Jai' by the campers and the villagers With the help of Miss Dorabji and Miss Alamelu who were in charge of the catering department the campers were trained to run a model cafeteria one evening This brought a little profit to the cafeteria and it was a good publicity of the work done by the Annapoorna.

The U S I. S had kindly offered to entertain both the campers and the villagers with educative films shows on Road Making in Villages Dettol and Co. had arranged with Miss Prabha Samuel to give a practical demonstration on modern anticeptics The Guild of Service with the help of the campers distributed Milk Powder and Multipurpose food to the children and the poor and needy adults of the village. The Guild of Service presented a good set of American tools to the Mahabalipuram village.

Thus those twenty-one days spent by the college girls with the villagers offered a great opportunity for both the campers and the villagers to know more about each other and understand each other The girls won the heart of the villagers by mixing with them freely Thus the villagers joined with them to plaster, to whitewash the houses and thatching the roofs Of course this victory had to be won very gradually as the villagers living amidst the ancient temples were a bit reserved at the beginning But thanks to our gay young campers who were ready to do anything to break the ice between city and the village. More than 50 houses were plastered and given "the "New Look' and more than 80 houses whitewashed. The campers visited Pooncheri, Venbooshanam, Cheri and Mahabalipuram village. In all these places the campers were welcomed with great enthusiasm and ideas were exchanged pleasantly for the benefit of each other. I was happy to visit the boys camp at Kullipandalam at the invitation of Mr. Messiah Doss the Director of all the boys camp of the Chingleput area. The members of the Seva Sangam of Chingleput area, under the leadership of Mrs Richards spent a full day with the villagers along with our campers Their co-operation with the village work and entertainment to the villagers was very much appreciated by all

The campers worked with real enthusiasm and everyone of them evinced a great interest in the village work. This was the main key to the success of all the activities of the camp. At the end of the eventful day they were ready to contribute new and original items for the camp-fire.

SCOUT MOVEMENT IN BOMBAY

A 10-member committee under the chairmanship of Mr. B. D. Jatti, Deputy Minister for Public Health, has been appointed by the Government of Bombay to consider the question of reorientation and popularisation of the Scout movement in the State.

The Committee will consider how the Scout movement can be reorientated so as to fit in with the social and educational requirements of an independent country and how it can be made more popular and effective amongst the urban and rural primary and secondary schools and also how it can be effectively co-ordinated with the other youth movements such as Auxiliary Cadet Corps etc. The Committee will examine how a change-over from English to Hindi can be accomplished expeditiously and smoothly in the field of Scout activities. It will also consider ways and means to improve the training of Scouters and Guiders.

The Committee is expected to submit its report within three months.

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AN INTERESTED VISITOR

Mr. D. P. Joshi, Joint National Organising Commissioner paid a visit to Madras and attended our State Conference and the Annual meeting. He addressed the Conference on the work before us and said that the coming Five Year Plan period will help greatly to advance the cause of Bharat Scouts and Guides in the country. He paid a high tribute to Madras and quoted the words of Lord Baden Powell in support of his statement, that the movement of ours had always maintained a high standard and that he had come to draw inspiration from Madras rather than give any help on his part. He also visited our State Training Centre at Coonoor. Mr. Joshi a Veteran Scouter is full of ideas and suggestions. He made several proposals to strengthen our Movement in this State. We are thankful to him for his visit and help.

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Youth Welfare Camp

The villagers were entertained at the village Mandapam with very interesting items of camp-fire The campers contributed to the pulley for the village well The girls were lucky to be invited to the special puja which was arranged for the campers by the kindness of Mrs Srinivasan, Assistant Public Prosecutor for Kanchipuram The campers were inspired by the frequent visits of Mrs. Ginwala and Mrs Jadhav who took keen interest in the welfare of the campers Our State Chief Commissioner Sri K Venkataswami Naidu and State Secretary, Sri V. S. Ratnasabhapathy also visited the camp. Finally the camp activities were over with the closing ceremony on 9th March and our Chief Minister, Sri Kamaraj Nadar presided and spoke to the campers and villagers on the occasion.

In all these camp activities Miss Bakkiamuthu was assisted by the Jt State Organising Commissioner-Guides, Miss S. Devadoss from St Christopher's Training College, Miss T. K Nalini from Lady Willingdon Training College, Mrs. T Dhinakaran from Ewart School and Miss G. Joseph, District Commissioner-Guides, North Madras. Is there anything to say about camp-food? Yes, the campers enjoyed the rich, tasty and nutritious food which was catered by the Annapoorna Cafeteria—so the slogan goes "eat well, work well and play well".

The Block Development officers and their Assistants co-operated in all the efforts of the campers. The Collector arranged for the conveyance to enable the campers to go on excursion to Sadras and Thirukkalukundram which they thoroughly enjoyed It was indeed a fine experience for the campers to live with villagers and we do hope that many more camps of this kind will be conducted for girls in future This time we had 35 girls who sacrificed their summer holidays for village work and in future we are sure hundreds of college and High school girls and especially our Guides will come forward to make use of this good opportunity to serve the village and learn more about village—and the villagers.

S. P. DURAIRAJ

Jt. State Organising Commissioner, Guides.

"Quo Vadis" Conference on Training

THE "Quo Vadis" Conference, the first of its kind, held in 1933 and the second in 1938—were attended by the founder of the movement. The third one was held under the auspices of the World Bureau from 16th to 24th May 1955 at Our Chalet, Adelboden, Switzerland, for the purpose of reviewing the whole questions of training policy throughout the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. The object of these conferences has been defined as follows :—

"The World Association, always believing that it is important to keep abreast of the times, to keep in touch with modern thought, modern psychology, modern methods of education, decided many years ago, to review the changing realities in an overall, objective and democratic way."

Twenty three countries through their forty delegates participated in the conference India was represented by Mrs. C. Mohini, (Jt. National Organising Commissioner (Guides) of the Bharat Scouts and Guides, National Headquarters) and Miss Vedanayakam of Madras.

Mlle I De Herrenschward (Palk) was the Chairman of the Conference.

The main discussions during the conference centred round the following topics.

(a) The girl of to-day, her background, her likes and dislikes, her character and characteristics;

(b) The girl as a Guide—and some of the problems of Guiding and how they could be dealt with.

The summary of the findings of the three Round Table Conferences held in 1954 were also placed before the Conference. The delegates of the Quo Vadis Conference were in complete agreement with the conclusions (given below) reached at the Round Table Conference.

1. That Guiding, if used with flexibility and imagination is still able to meet the needs of the modern girl.

2. That the Patrol system is not being sufficiently used as the Chief Scout had intended.

The delegates were divided into English, French and German speaking groups and groups reporred back their findings to the full Conference.

There were practical sessions on.

Patrol System, Tools for Trainers, The use of imagination in Guiding.

There was also a singing period each day, when songs and singing games were taught. Mr G. V Weissenberg, Chief of Training in the Union of Finish Boy Scouts and Lecturer at the Social Science College, gave a challenging talk on "Work amongst youth To-day."

The evening activities included talks by several delegates on Guiding in their respective countries.

Of the many important questions that were discussed at the Conference, one major problem discussed was the "shortage of Guiders" and what practical steps could be taken to overcome this at National and World level. Many practical steps suggested at the Conference to overcome these are listed below:

- Change of approach : instead of trying to get new leaders, discover what happened to the ones who left, and the older girls who left
- Try to bring in Guiders in pairs (for instance two friends) who would be happy sharing responsibility, but would not accept it single-handed
- When leaders change their address and move away from the neighbourhood, put them in contact with Guiding in their new area.
- In endeavouring to retain leaders, accept the fact of and encourage their social needs, i.e.,
  (i) after 'Taps' in camp for the girls, let the leaders have an hour or two in which to enjoy each others' company;
  (ii) give them opportunities for joint social activities with Scouters.
- Have a reunion of ex-members of the three Branches, show a film, talk about the work which the Guides are doing, and after the reunion follow up with a letter asking if they would care to rejoin the Movement, giving ways in which they could help.
- Bring in parents and friends to relieve the leader by doing special jobs for the company, i e, looking after equipment, taking camp fees, etc
- Get more publicity through intensive community work, putting into practice and thus demonstrating some of the ideals of Guiding.
- Help other organizations (church societies, Red Cross, Youth clubs, etc.,) and in return some of their personnel may offer their services as leaders.
- Recruit leaders from the Universities by arranging to give Talks on Guiding to students of social science and thus encourage them to do Guiding as their field work
- Have an "Adventure Camp" each year for older girls, Rangers and Cadets.
- Use a positive approach; instead of talking about the lack of leaders stress what an opportunity prospecture leaders will have of doing something really worthwhile if they come into the Movement
- Have an Education Panel on which are represented all the teachers organisations in the country. This amongst other things could concern itself with bringing Guiding before the girls about to leave school.
- Have a "Supporting Committee" of prominant people or else a "Parents' Committee" for every company.
- In large countries decentralization in the approach to the problem and greater emphasis on the choice of Commissioners and Advisers.
- Letter to girls leaving school bringing to their notice the needs and opportunities of the Movement.
- Offering to send speakers to training colleges.

"The Chairman, in closing the Conference, said that although the Quo Vadis appeared to have come to the end of its work, the work wos really only just beginning. She emphasised that, as usual, the atmosphere of the Conference had been good, no doubt because everyone felt she was a member of a family, in her own house.

She hoped that the World Association now not only knew where it stood but where it was going As for the name: "Quo Vadis", it might be a good plan to reserve this for any future Conferences on policy, just as it had been used in the past.

At times it might have seemed that the Conference moved slowly, but a large body cannot always move rapidly, especially when it is composed of a great variety of parts It had been striking, for instance, that the same words could mean such different things to some delegates—a fact which was rather disturbing The same also applied to translations—there was always the danger of some point being missed These, then, were some of the reasons why such a Conference could not achieve a rapid pace.

It had been noticeable in this Conference, as in previous ones on policy, how it was always found essential to go back to the fundamental principles of the founder. From time to time doubts arose in one s mind and one s work seemed full of difficulties, but these difficulties were no longer there when we went back to the principles of the Founder.

The Chairman thanked her staff for their co-operation and support. It had been said to her more than once by women working in other organisations that they had never met such co-operation as they found in Guiding

It had been enlighteking to listen to the delegates and to realise that everyone was working in very much the same way The Chairman concluded with the hope that there would be results good from the Conference showing that it had done valuable work and made it possible for the Movement to go forward."

Conference on Ranger Training

Conference on Ranger Training under the auspices of the World Bureau was held from 5th to 11th May 1955, open for Head Trainers, Commissioners and others primarily concerned with the Ranger Branch as a whole in all countries at Our Chalet, Adelboden, Switzerland, with the object of reviewing the whole question of Ranger Training and to pool ideas for the strengthening of the movement.

India sent Mrs. C. Mohini, Jt. N O C. (Guides) who acted as an Assistant on the staff of three in charge of running the Conference Miss Vedanayakam of Madras attended the Conference as one of our delegates. Mrs. Dutt of Assam who was in England during these months also went to Switzerland and attended the Conference as an observer.

Many important decisions which would help the growth of the Ranger section were arrived at It is upto the member countries to try such of these methods that would suit their particular and peculiar conditions that obtain in their country and see how far they could succeed in strengthening a movement which does not seem to have a mass appeal.

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OF the many organizations for boys in the United States perhaps the best known besides the Boy Scouts is the Boys' Club of America which was incorporated in May 1906. The Club, to which are affiliated more than 300 smaller Clubs scattered throughout the United States, has a total membership of over 300,000 boys between the ages of 8 and 20.

Individual Clubs are sponsored in each community by non-sectarian, non-profit organizations of public spirited adults who operate the Clubs for the benefit of boy members. The Clubs are endorsed and supported by many national organizations and by national figures such as Herbert Hoover, former U.S. President.

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Closely akin to the Boys' Clubs is the New York City Police Athletic League (PAL). Founded in 1936, PAL has grown rapidly in size and scope.

Professional recreation directors supervise the indoor and outdoor activities sponsored by PAL for the young people in the city's parks. The League has a camp in the Adirondack Mountains where 500 under-privileged boys get a free three-week vacation each summer.

In the city, PAL stresses athletic activities. During the winter some 850 teams of boys and girls participate in its annual basketball tournament. The winter track programme which starts in mid-November consists of relay meets in barough championship in February. Other sports which the league sponsors and supervisers in its gymnasiums and city parks are soccer, hockey, ping poing, and boxing.

Sixteen-year-old Jerry Valle, who lives in New York's crowded East Side, is one of the thousands of boys who are taking advantage of the opportunities offered by the League. Some time ago, Jerry decided that he wanted to become a fighter. So he did what thousands of other aspiring young boxers in the city have done. He joined PAL.

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